

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 26 references, of which 1 is enclosed/submitted.

On the PTO/SB/08 Equivalent, Applicants have listed two (2) office actions in the pending application owned by Applicant's assignee (citation nos. 15-16). Applicants request the Examiner to consider the listed office actions and associated responses by Applicants in the pending application when determining the patentability of the pending claims of the present application. Applicants understand that the Examiner has access to sophisticated online Patent Office computing systems that provide ready access to, for example, specification and drawing publications, pending claims, and complete file histories, including, for example, cited art, office actions, responses, and notices of allowance. Thus, Applicants have not enclosed copies of these office actions and associated responses. However, if the Examiner cannot readily access these documents, Applicants would be pleased to provide copies at any time upon request.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date, with an RCE or before receipt of a first office action after an RCE and no fee is required.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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